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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 3-6 ECG WORKING

GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS ON KEY
ISSUES IN THE IEP FOR USE BY THE US DELEGATION AT THE
SEPTEMBER 3-6 ECG WORKING GROUP.

A. TRIGGER LEVELS:

PRESENT STATUS -- IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED AT THE
JULY 29-31 ECG TO PLACE BOTH THE GENERAL AND SELECTIVE
TRIGGERS AT 7 PERCENT OF CONSUMPTION WITH THE PROVISIO
THAT FOR COUNTRIES OR COMMUNITIES OF COUNTRIES WHOSE
MARKETS ARE NOT COMPLETELY INTEGRATED THE 7 PERCENT
REDUCTION FOR THE SELECTIVE TRIGGER CAN BE MEASURED
AGAINST THE CONSUMPTION OF A MAJOR REGION. THERE MAY
BE AN ATTEMPT BY SOME COUNTRIES AT THE WORKING GROUP
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TO REOPEN THE TRIGGER ISSUE.

U.S. POSITION -- THE U.S. CAN ACCEPT PERMANENT AGREEMENT ON THE TRIGGER QUESTION AS OUTLINED ABOVE. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH PAD 1 (THE U.S. EAST COAST) AS OUR

MAJOR REGION WHICH WOULD GIVE A SELECTIVE TRIGGER OF 452,000 BARRELS/DAY.

U.S. DEL SHOULD NOT SEEK TO OPEN TRIGGER QUESTION AND SHOULD RESIST ATTEMPTS TO ARRIVE AT DEFINITIVE DECISION UNLESS THE OTHER ECG MEMBERS CAN ALL AGREE ON A TRIGGER ARRANGEMENT OF 5 PERCENT FOR THE SELECTIVE TRIGGER AND 5 PERCENT FOR THE GENERAL TRIGGER, WHICH WOULD IMPOSE A 5 PERCENT DEMAND RESTRAINT OBLIGATION. IN THAT CASE, THE U.S. DELEGATION COULD ENDORSE A WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION TO THAT EFFECT TO THE ECG ITSELF.

B. THIRD LEVEL OF DEMAND RESTRAINT

PRESENT STATUS -- THE DANISH DRAFT PROVIDES THAT IF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES ARE DRAWN DOWN BY 50 PERCENT FROM THEIR TARGET LEVELS, THE GROUP CAN AGREE BY QUALIFIED WEIGHTED MAJORITY ON AN ADDITIONAL COMMON REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION.

U.S. POSITION -- THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD PRESSFOR REVISION OF THIS PROVISION TO REQUIRE THAT AGREEMENT ON ANY ADDITIONAL DEMAND RESTRAINT MUST BE BY UNANIMITY. IF AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE WORKING GROUP, THE ISSUE SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR RESOLUTION AT THE NEXT ECG MEETING.

C. LONG-TERM COOPERATION

PRESENT STATUS -- THE DANISH DRAFT PROVIDES FOR COOPERATION IN THOSE AREAS OF R & D AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED IN THE ECG. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR THE REDUCTION OF VULNERABILITY
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WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT BY UNANIMITY.

U.S. POSITION -- WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS LONG-TERM COMMITMENT AS EXPLICIT AND MEANINGFUL AS POSSIBLE, THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD PRESS FOR THE INCLUSION OF A COMMITMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TARGETS IN THE AREA OF CONSERVATION AND THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FOR MORE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FOR

COOPERATION IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT, ETC. WE ALSO WANT SUFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT THE POLICY ASPECTS OF R & D AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT TO BE CENTERED IN THE NEW AGENCY. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD ALSO

PRESS FOR DROPPING THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL REQUIREMENT.

D. VOTING

PRESENT STATUS -- IT IS AGREED THAT THERE SHALL BE WEIGHTED VOTING AND THAT KEY VOTES, SUCH AS THOSE TO REVERSE ACTIVATION, SHALL BE BY QUALIFIED WEIGHTED MAJORITY. IT IS ALSO GENERALLY AGREED THAT NO ONE COUNTRY NOR GROUP OF COUNTRIES (EC) SHOULD HAVE A BLOCKING VOTE. HOWEVER, THE PRECISE FORMULATION OF THE VOTING PROVISIONS IS STILL OPEN.

U.S. POSITION -- THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT AT THE WORKING GROUP ON VOTING PROVISIONS WHICH ADHERE TO THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES. SPECIFICALLY, WE -- TOGETHER WITH NO MORE THAN ONE OTHER COUNTRY -- SHOULD BE ABLE

TO BLOCK A REVERSAL OF THE SELECTIVE TRIGGER. ALSO, WE SHOULD HAVE VOTING POWER EQUIVALENT TO THAT WHICH THE EC WOULD POSSESS IF ALL MEMBERS JOIN THE IEP AND WERE TO VOTE AS A BLOC. INGERSOLL

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